

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING
THE VILLAGE'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne (the "Village") Council desires to establish the policies and appropriations set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the Village's 2021 legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the Village and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. That the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Establishing Legislative Priorities. That the Village Council hereby establishes the policies and appropriations set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the Village's 2021 legislative priorities.


Section 3. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2020.



MICHAEL W. DAVEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JOCELYN B. KOCH
VILLAGE CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
VILLAGE ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAWAYNE 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The following policies and appropriations are established as the Village of Key Biscayne's 2021 Legislative Priorities:

POLICIES

1. The Village supports the broad exercise of home rule powers granted to municipalities under the Florida Constitution and supports consistency in the Legislature with the provisions of Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.
2. The Village supports legislation providing for administrative procedures and required intergovernmental cooperation and planning (including mitigation planning) as a condition to local government land development approvals, and an appeal process, for proposed developments or commercial events projected or likely to cause traffic, public safety, nuisance or other impacts affecting areas outside the jurisdiction of the permitting government.
3. The Village supports legislation that provides financial incentives including financing and funding for storm hardening projects such as relocating power lines and other utilities underground on barrier islands and supporting the Public Service Commission. Specifically, the Village has added its utility undergrounding project to the Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy, and the Village supports any legislative or other efforts to prioritize its projects for State or Federal funding.
4. The Village supports legislation that provides financial incentives for beach renourishment on barrier islands. Additionally, the Village seeks modification to the criteria used by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in determining and assigning annual funding priorities by incorporating beach access and parking availability of adjacent state and local parks, recognizing different transportation modalities (bicycles), and supporting creative solutions to beach erosion such as breakwaters. The Village will also promote legislative efforts to enhance cooperation and communications between federal, state, and local regulatory agencies so that beach renourishment projects can be conducted with minimal delays and obstacles. The Village supports grant and legislative line item funding for renourishment of Village beaches.
5. The Village will monitor legislative issues and direct their legislative consultant to monitor the following issues and provide timely data should these issues be taken up at the legislative session:
 - a. Resources, policy changes and permitting support for sea-level rise initiatives such as coastline protection and beach renourishment programs and water programs;
 - b. Any reduction to municipal revenue sources from State Revenue Sharing, Communications Services Act, Business Tax Receipts or other similar funding sources.
 - c. Resources, policy changes and permitting support for water quality initiatives, specifically those related to Biscayne Bay.

6. The Village supports the legislative initiatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools such as increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and fully funding the cost of requiring a School Resource Officer at each public school as required by law.
7. The Village supports legislative efforts aimed at improvement of water quality in public waters such as legislation related to water treatment, discharge, testing, or other regulation that impacts water quality on public beaches. The Village is particularly interested in those efforts that relate to waters in the South Florida region.
8. The Village supports legislation that provides financial incentives including financing and funding for the development of sustainable practices to dispose of, process, or recycle sargassum seaweed.
9. The Village supports legislation banning the use of communication devices while driving.
10. The Village requests support for its pending grant applications.

APPROPRIATIONS

11. The Village supports grant and legislative line item funding that enhances local financial capacity to address water resources, drainage, flood mitigation, sea level rise and water supply development. Specifically, the Village requests \$500,000 for stormwater utility improvements, toward which the Village is prepared to invest \$18,000,000.
12. The Village supports grant and legislative line item funding in the amount of \$500,000, which the Village is matching in its 2020/2021 Budget, for beach preservation and management activities, including sargassum removal and disposal, in an effort to preserve the beach, improve its quality, and enhance tourism.